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SUBJECT: JANATA PARTY AMENDS ITS FOREIGN POLICY PLANS;
IGNORES ALLEGED ESPIONAGE CASE

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1. THE JANATA PARTY ISSUED STATEMENT ON FOREIGN POLICY ON MARCH 8 WHICH AMENDS SOMEWHAT THE ORIGINAL PARTY MANIFESTO. THE NEW STATEMENT REITERATED THE PLANK THAT THE JANATA GOVERNMENT WOULD ADHERE TO A POLICY OF GENUINE NON-ALIGNMENT FREE FROM THE ATTACHMENT TO ANY SUPER POWER. WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK, HOWEVER, THE PARTY CALLED FOR MAINTAINING AND FURTHER DEVELOPING THE COUNTRY'S CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES AND WORKING FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS WITH CHINA. THE JANATA PARTY ALSO PROMISED TO DO MUCH MORE THAN THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT TO FOSTER STRENGTH AND UNITY AMONG THIRD WORLD NATIONS VIS-A-VIS THE AFFLUENT NATIONS IN ORDER TO GAIN MORE EQUITY IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. IT REITERATED ITS ACTIVE SUPPORT TO THE WORLD-WIDE MOVEMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

2. COMMENT: JANATA PARTY SPOKESMAN SURENDRA MOHAN APPARENTLY MADE NO REFERENCE TO ANY ESPIONAGE CASE IN REPLYING TO QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO THE NEW STATEMENT. IN A COFFEE HOUSE
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CONVERSATION MARCH 5, (OVERHEARD BY AN EMBASSY FSL) JANATA GENERAL SECRETARY RAJINDER PURI, THE AUTHOR OF LAST WEEK'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER ON THE ALLEGED ESPIONAGE CASE, DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF DETAILS SUPPORTING HIS ALLEGATION OF US INVOLVEMENT. RESPONDING TO A QUESTION ON THE SUPPOSED INVOLVEMENT OF AMERICAN DIPLOMATS, HE TOLD LISTENERS, "I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING MORE ABOUT IT; I DON'T BOTHER ABOUT

DETAILS. OUR OBJECTIVE WAS ONLY TO HIT OUT AT THEM (THE
CONGRESS PARTY). THEY HAD ALL THE WHILE BEEN ACCUSING US
OF INVOLVEMENT WITH FOREIGN POWERS; WE WANTED TO HIT THEM,
THAT WAS ALL*"
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